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Group Art Unit: 1753

Inventor: P. McDonald

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Title: METHOD OF TREATING SPUTTERING
TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME
AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: R. McDonald

REPLY AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued November 27, 2006. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a three-month extension of time are attached, making this Reply and Amendment due on May 27, 2007. Given that May 27th is Sunday, and Monday, May 28th a Federal holiday, this Reply and Amendment is filed on May 29th.

Amendments to the Specification appear on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 7 of this paper.